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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MARCH 27 MEETING (SALT TWO-582)

1. AS FORECAST YESTERDAY BY HIS STAFF, AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV MADE LONG STATEMENT ON MIRV VERIFICATION INTER-LARDED BETWEEN STATEMENTS ON NON-TRANSFER AND ON TEST LAUNCHERS, ENDING UP WITH STATEMENT THAT, "THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STATE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II 7 AND ARTICLE IV 3 OF THE US DRAFT, AS WELL AS THE RELATED PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT PROTOCOL ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE VLADIOVOSTOK ACCORD AND ARE UNACCEPTABLE." I IMMEDIATELY REPLIED THAT, WHILE I WOULD OF COURSE REPORT HIS STATEMENT TO MY GOVERNMENT, AS HE KNEW FROM BEGINNING OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS HERE WE HAVE SAID THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT MUST CONTAIN SATISFACTORY PROVISION FOR VERIFYING THE MIRV LIMITATIONS. I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT IN PUTTING FORTH THEIR POSITION TODAY ON OUR PROPOSALS THEY HAD NOT SUGGESTED ANY ALTERNATIVES. OUR OFFER TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES CONTINUED TO BE OPEN, AND I HOPED THAT JOINT EXAMINATION OF THIS ISSUE IN AN EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION THAT WAS SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES COULD BE CONTINUED. HE AGREED THAT SHCHUKIN/MAY WORKING GROUP SHOULD

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CONTINUE THEIR WORK. HE SAID I SHOULD KNOW THAT THEIR STATEMENT

TODAY WAS ON THE "INSTRUCTIONS OF THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP OF THE USSR."

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, I FOLLOWED UP WITH SAME THEME THAT THEIR POSITION DID NOT MEET THE PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS AS WE SAW THEM AND AS WE HAD OUTLINED TO THEM, AND TO WHICH ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS MUST BE FOUND. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD CONSIDERED OTHER ALTERNATIVES, BUT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY; HOWEVER HE ENTIRELY AGREED THAT MAY/SHCHUKIN GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR WORK TO THIS END.

3. IN BILATERAL CONVERSATION WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT IN REJECTING CONTENTS OF OUR PROTOCOL SOVIET STATEMENT TODAY WAS NOT REJECTING POSSIBILITY OF A SEPARATE PROTOCOL ON MIRV VERIFICATION.

4. IN HIS BILATERAL CONVERSATION WITH ROWNY, TRUSOV (INFERENTIALLY IDENTIFYING SS-18) INDICATED THAT THEY DID INTEND TO DEPLOY MIRVED AND UNMIRVED VERSIONS OF SAME TYPE OF MISSILE AND IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO COUNT UNMIRVED AS MIRVED. ROWNY, OF COURSE, SAID (AS I HAD ALSO SAID TO SEMENOV) THAT HEART OF PROBLEM WAS HOW WE COULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THEM. IF THEY DID NOT LIKE OUR ANSWER, IT WAS UP TO THEM TO GIVE US ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE ANSWER.

5. MY STATEMENT TODAY WAS ON OUR ARTICLE XI (SCC PROCEDURES) WHICH HE SUGGESTED, AND I AGREED, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO KLOSSON/KARPOV GROUP FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

6. NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, US MISSION. JOHNSON

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